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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**MAIL STOP: FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action June 28, 2005, the date for response to which is extended by three months, from October 28, 2005 to December 28, 2005, a Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below intended to put the claims in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 13 of this paper.